

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA**

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USE OF FOREST LAND FOR PUBLIC DEVELOPMENT SCHEMES

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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether various State Governments have requested the Union Government to allow them to provide equal measurement of land in lieu of forest land to be utilized by them;
- (b) if so, the reaction of the Union Government thereto;
- (c) whether in light of this, the Union Government proposes to make amendments in the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and Environment (Protection) Act, 1986; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIS. REGUPATHY)

(a) to (d) No sir. No such proposal, so far, has been received in the Ministry of Environment and Forests from any of the State/UT Governments.